



# Newsletter

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022

Term 1 Week 7

The end of Term 1 has arrived and what a busy term it has been! There has been lots going on, including school trips, sporting events, community events and workshops in school. We have lots more to look forward to in the coming weeks, including our annual Firework Display on 12th November and our Christmas Fair on 10th December. The next scheduled FODS event is the Firework display – tickets can be purchased online at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/fods](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/fods).

I would like to commend the children for their hard work this term and for the support they have offered each other. They have certainly earned their half-term break.

Have a lovely week everyone and we will see you all next term!

With kind regards,

*T. Gobell*

Miss T Gobell  
Head Teacher



## **Halloween Raffle:**

The FODS recently organised the annual Halloween Raffle. The raffle raised an AMAZING £765 – thank you to the FODS and thank you to our generous parents for supporting it!



## **Attendance**

The Government expects all schools to promote the importance of good school attendance. Following the disruption caused by the pandemic, regular attendance at school has never been more important. With this in mind, we will be monitoring attendance very closely over the coming months and comparing it to other schools nationally. Overall attendance so far for the year 2022/23 has been good at 96.6%.

## **Best Year Group Attendance for Term 1:**

Well done Year Two – 97.3%



## **The Discovery School Diversity Council:**

Our Diversity council has been busy this term. They have been working with Mrs. Wilce-Cordner on our current projects – The Born Free Foundation Schools' Partnership and also thinking about alternatives for our House names.

Alongside this, the Diversity Council has also made the first news broadcast for this academic year – do take a look on our website:

<https://www.discovery.kent.sch.uk/curriculum/learning-updates/whole-school-learning-updates/>



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### **Upcoming dates for your diary**

Please find below a list of key dates set so far for November 2022:

- 31<sup>st</sup> October – Start of term 2
- 3<sup>rd</sup> November – New Entrants Tour
- 8<sup>th</sup> November – New Entrants Tour
- 12<sup>th</sup> November – FODS Firework Display
- 14<sup>th</sup> November – New Entrants Tour
- 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Children's Flu vaccinations
- 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Parent Consultations
- 24<sup>th</sup> November – Parent Consultations
- 25<sup>th</sup> November – INSET Day – school closed to children

### **The Discovery School Council:**

The children in school recently took part in our annual School Council elections. Each class has elected a School Council member to represent them in decision making in school – congratulations to all of the elected candidates! The Council members have already been very busy, and organised their first charity event of the year on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October – a collection for the local food bank. Thank you to everyone who donated to this very good cause.



### **Super Star Corner**

Well done to Callum Murrison in Thunburg Class. Callum has recently completed his 200m swimming badge and is about to move onto Stage 8 swimming – excellent news Callum!



Well done to Eleanore Bekker in Gilbert Class.

Ellie recently competed in her first tennis tournament, winning a game and scoring lots of points. Well done Ellie – you should be so proud of yourself!



### **A message from Kings Hill Parish Council:**

Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council is currently carrying out a consultation into the Regulation 18 Local Plan. The Parish Council is wanting as many people as possible in Kings Hill to know about this important consultation. As such, they have asked us to draw your attention to the attached poster.



### **'Schools of Kings Hill Virtual Christmas Market':**

The Kings Hill Christmas Market is a virtual one, run by a group of volunteers to raise money for the three schools on Kings Hill. Last year, the school received nearly £1,100 as a donation. At a time of rising costs, donations such as this are very welcome. The Christmas 2022 Market is now up and running, with all stallholder fees collected and equally shared between the schools on Kings Hill. There are many gifts and items available online: Halloween, birthdays, treats, health and wellness and so much more (the market is not just for Christmas!)

If you would like to visit the virtual market, you can search for 'Schools of Kings Hill Virtual Christmas Market' on Facebook or use the link below:

[https://www.facebook.com/groups/2459880864305512/?ref=share\\_group\\_link](https://www.facebook.com/groups/2459880864305512/?ref=share_group_link)

### **Value Points**

All of the children have been working hard to uphold our school values of Honesty, Kindness, Perseverance, Friendship and Respect.

Winning House (week ending 14<sup>th</sup> October) – Shackleton House 😊

Winning House (week ending 21<sup>st</sup> October) – Scott House 😊

Congratulations to Shackleton and Scott Houses – you both tied in first place this term as the winning Houses. You will be rewarded with a non-uniform day on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November!

### **Super Star Corner**

Well done to Leif Taylor-Feld in Jenner Class who was very proud to be invested in the Squirrel Drey after completing a brave exploration at the High Ropes in Mote Park.



Well done to Iris Jeffs in Thunberg Class. Iris has been working hard at demonstrating our school values of Respect in the local community.

Iris recently saved her own money to buy a litter picker which she has been regularly using out and about on Kings Hill, collecting litter!

What a superstar!







## **Mini-World Cup Football Tournament:**

On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October, The Discovery School attended the Mini World Cup football tournament at The Gallagher Stadium.

There were 36 schools taking part in this event, and each school was representing a country which will be taking part in the 2022 FIFA World Cup. Our school was representing Morocco.

Our team was comprised of children from Years 5 and 6. They worked extremely hard during the group stages of the competition. Thanks to their fantastic perseverance, they came third in their group and won a place in the final 16.

After successes in the quarter-finals and semi-finals, The Discovery School team definitely deserved their place in the final against Loose Primary School!

After a hard fought game, we won the final 3-0! The children were delighted to win the mini-World Cup and we are very proud of our fantastic team!



## **Eco-Club news:**

Over the summer, Eco-Club heard that they had successfully applied for the Eco-Schools Green Flag for the second time – this time being awarded the Green Flag with distinction! Congratulations to everyone who was involved in achieving this prestigious award.

The Eco-Club has been busy conducting an Environmental Review and composing a new Eco-Code (watch this space...)

The Environmental Review enables us to review the 10 different topics of Eco-Schools and decide which 6 topics we would like to focus on this year. One of the topics we are continuing to focus on is **Transport**.

## **Transport:**

Every Thursday is Star Steppers day, when we would like you to take the opportunity to travel to school more sustainably. Whether it is walking, scooting, cycling, taking public transport or park and stride (parking further away, then walking to school). By travelling to school sustainably, not only will it improve your health, concentration and well-being, but it will also improve air quality and the local environment. You can learn different star constellations too! The class who has the most children travelling to school sustainably on a Thursday wins the Star Stepper trophy! What are you waiting for – let's all be Star Steppers!





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